

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 305

Introduced by Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the public benefits and supportive services available to older foster youth transitioning or "aging" out of the foster care system. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A review of the public benefits and supportive services currently available for youth aging out of the foster care system, including postsecondary education and training and health care access;

(2) A review of the needs and barriers that exist for foster youth in accessing supportive services from the perspective of current and former foster youth themselves and those who work with and care for them;

(3) An examination of the availability and accessibility of medicaid services for youth aging out of the foster care system; and

(4) An examination of potential funding sources or other avenues to increase access to postsecondary education and training, health care coverage, and other supportive services for youth aging out of the foster care system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.